

Social and Personal.

Once past the town with its acorn and
leaf,
Is turmoil only a memory,
In fellowship with the bird and tree,
I feel the lure of the August path.

Oh, fresh, free charm and the August
day,
That wins and saves from the mon-
ster strife,
I greet the surge of a larger life
Along the slopes of thy noiseless ways.

On every side of me, how they call—
The orchard lane and the glen-road
The willow-way and the aisles that
creep
Fast brookside fountain and waterfall.

I need and hasten—these paths I know
And that I have found thereby;
A little boy had the skill to try
Their secrets all in the long ago.

Come, go with me of an August day,
The hilltops claim us, and we shall
find
And know the woodland way,
—Frank Walcutt Hull, in The House-
keeper.

August is the month for what is
known as "protracted meetings" and
"camp meetings," which draw together
large numbers of people from all over
Virginia and in other sections of the
State. In Lancaster county there is an
annual camping ground and whole fami-
lies move in and occupy temporary habi-
tations for weeks at a time.

The interest aroused at these revivals
is intense. In the evening, when the
largest crowd gathers and the young
people come to swell the numbers, the
lights, the singing and the eloquence of
the orator of the occasion, combine to
make a strong impression on the mind of
an observant person who comes to see,
hear and understand.

The "camp meetings" partake equally
of a social and a religious element. Old
friends meet and discuss subjects of mu-
tual interest. At the midday meal, the
fried chicken, country ham, pickles, pies,
cake and fruits of all kinds, except
melons, incline to promote good humor
and optimistic views of life, especially as
the farmers' anxieties are somewhat a
thing of the past, and the crops no longer
fill his mind with fear and trembling.

Whatever tends towards rest and re-
laxation must be a blessing in the strenu-
ous American life. Whether strength-
ens the bonds of kindly feeling which
have, since colonial days, been so promi-
nent a feature of Virginia life, must be
for the good of humanity. And so it is,
that the "camp meeting" and the "pro-
tracted meeting" continue to survive in
this section of the State, as a picturesque
survival of a Southern social and religious
system, when many other distinctive have
passed and been forgotten.

Midsummer House Parties.

One of the pleasantest phases of twen-
tieth century social life is found in the
midsummer house parties, gay echoes
of which come to the ear from all over
Virginia. Richmond girls figure promi-
nently in these parties. Miss Grace
Phillips has been the hostess of a pic-
nic given in her home on Huntington Ave-
nue, Newport News, to three young mem-
bers of Richmond society—Miss May Bat-
zins, Miss Florence Welmer and Miss
May Richardson—and to Miss Kate Wil-
liamson, of Newport News.

Falconbridge—Hamilton.

An announcement of general interest
brings news of the engagement of Miss
Elizabeth Porter Hamilton, the daugh-
ter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. M. Ham-
ilton, of England, N. J., to John de
Lore Falconbridge, of Toronto, Cana-
da.

Miss Hamilton is a granddaughter of
the late William A. Porter, justice of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and a
niece of General Horace Porter, Ameri-
can ambassador to France in 1903. Mr.
Falconbridge is the son of Chief Justice William
Glenholme Falconbridge, of the King's
Bench, Ontario, Canada.

Personal Mention.

Dr. Jere Witherspoon, pastor of Grace
Street Presbyterian Church, will be ab-
sent during the month of August, spend-
ing his vacation at Castle and other
points in the State of New York.

During the Doctor's absence his pulpit
will be occupied every Sunday morning and
night by the Rev. Byron Clark, of Mary-
land.

Mr. Gordon L. Barnhill, associated in
business with The Times-Dispatch office,
returned Thursday night from Hamilton,
N. C., where he had been called to the
deathbed of his brother, Mr. W. W. Barn-
hill.

The many friends won by Mr. Barnhill
during his residence in Richmond sym-
pathize with him sincerely in his trouble,
which circumstances rendered peculiarly
trying.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Straus and Misses
Bessie and Lenora Straus and maid have
left for Atlantic City, to spend the month
of August.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ledman, of No. 1117
North Twenty-third Street, have gone to
spend some time at Greenwood, Va.

Mr. Thomas Brown Robertson, of East-
ville, Northampton county, is spending
a few days in Richmond, as his friends
are glad to note.

Mrs. W. E. S. Vaughan, of Newport
News, has been called to Richmond by
the illness of her aunt, Mrs. Edwards.

Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne was beauti-
fully entertained during her recent visit
with her son to the Louisiana Purchase
Exposition by the Benjamin F. Grays, of
Clemmons Place.

It is said that Mrs. Claiborne will pay
a second visit to St. Louis in the autumn,
when the Missouri Dames will give a
brilliant entertainment in her honor as
the national president.

Miss Minnie B. Harris, of No. 834 West
Grace Street, has just returned from a
delightful trip to St. Louis Exposition.

Miss Annie Maria O'Connor is enjoying
the pleasures of Atlantic City life, and

THE VALUE OF SULPHUR.

Efficiency in Healing Well Attained by
Hancock's Liquid Sulphur.

Used on the face Hancock's Liquid Sul-
phur renders the complexion clarified,
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left to glow with renewed health and
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many more ills are guaranteed a cure
by Hancock's Liquid Sulphur—Nature's
greatest germicide. Canker and other
soreness of scalp, eyelids, mouth, nose
and throat yield to its power.

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free from Hancock Liquid Sulphur
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POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours
with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for
refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot
Norton.

No. 255.

The Harp That Once Through Tara's Hall.

By MOORE.

These verses by Thomas Moore (born 1779, died 1852) are reminiscent of some of
the glories of Irish antiquity. Tara's hall was in a great castle which stood on the
hill of Tara, about 15 miles northwest of Dublin, the seat of the ancient learning and
the Kings of Ireland. One authority says the spot was thus distinguished from
about 3000 B. C., another says from 800 B. C. It seems to be conceded that its most
glorious period was about A. D. 200, or 250 years before the introduction of Christianity
by St. Patrick.

Tara's halls were for centuries the scene of triennial conventions, participated in
by Kings, chiefs, bards, poets, seannalla and learned men generally from all parts of
Ireland. The sessions lasted the first week of November, and were devoted to making
and amending laws, reviving historic records, and to feasting and oratory, as well as
to singing and harp playing by the bards. The resident King, furnishing entertainment
for the visitors, sat at his own expense. The last meeting is said to have been
held there in 1600 A. D., and the halls to have been in ruins in 1600 A. D.

Tara hill fell into the hands of Danish pirates about the year 1000, when its literary
treasures, accumulated during many centuries, are believed to have been wantonly de-
stroyed along with the ecclesiastical property.

Tradition says that the Kings of Ireland were crowned at Tara, taking their seats
upon the very stone that now forms the seat of Edward the Confessor's chair in
Westminster Abbey, and which for 600 years has figured in the coronation ceremonies
of British sovereigns.

where at Tara, it served as a coronation seat for the Scottish Kings, till removed to
London by Edward I. in 1296. The Irish tradition was that with a legitimate King
assumed his seat on the stone it resounded thunderously, but with a usurper, the
stone was ominously silent.

The music to which "Tara's Hall" is sung is an ancient Irish air known as
"Grammáich."

Moore's portrait, autograph and biography have already appeared in this series.

HE harp that once through Tara's halls
The soul of music shed,
Now hangs as mute on Tara's walls,
As if that soul were dead.
So sleeps the pride of former days,
So glories' thrill is o'er,
And hearts that once beat high for praise,
Now feel that pulse no more.

No more to chiefs and ladies bright
The harp of Tara swells,
The chord alone that breaks at night
Its tale of ruin tells.
Thus Freedom now so seldom wakes,
The only thrub she gives
Is when some heart indignantly breaks,
To show that still she lives.

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will visit other places of importance be-
fore her return to Richmond.

Miss Mary New Lipscomb, of West
Point, is acting superintendent of the
Woman's Christian Association during the
absence of Miss Emily Morris, who has
gone with her mother, Mrs. Morris, for a
midsummer trip.

Miss Nina Wells and Miss Anna Lump-
kin are spending the week with the
Misses Field, of West Point.

Miss Edna Baker, accompanied by Miss
Martha Roper, is spending some time
with Miss Baker's father, Mr. Marshall
Baker, at Vincent, Va.

Mrs. R. T. Hunter returned last night
from a most enjoyable trip to the Albe-
marle Horse Show.

Mr. Richard T. White has returned
from a short visit to Mineral City, Va.

Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., and family will
be at Nimrod Hall for a part of August.

Major and Mrs. Robert Sully, of Peters-
burg, are also at Nimrod Hall, where a
large and very pleasant company of
Richmond people annually assemble.

Fox Chase in Powhatan.

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MR. ELLYSON GETTIN' BUSY

State Chairman to Look Over
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Next Week.

PARKER'S FINE CHANCES

State Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson, of
the Democratic party, will go to the
Ninth Congressional District next week
to confer with representatives of the
party from all the counties in the dis-
trict and get information desirable in
the campaign. Ellyson is now in the
Republican district. On Saturday, August
13th, Mr. Ellyson will meet the repre-
sentatives of the party, including the
county chairman and members of the
District Committee, and talk over the
situation with them. Until this con-
ference has been had Mr. Ellyson will
know little definitely of the status of
the campaign for Congress and the pros-
pects of the party nominee.

Hon. Joseph C. Wyser, the Democratic
candidate, is already in the field and is
making an active and spirited stump
campaign, and later on many of the best
campaigners in the State will be sent
all over the district to preach the gospel
of Democracy at every county seat, town
and hamlet.

Colonel Campbell Slem, who defeated
Hon. William F. Rhea two years ago
and broke the solidity of the delegation
in Congress, is again the candidate of
the Republicans and has a strong or-
ganization throughout the district. He
is a man of considerable wealth, and it
is reported that he and his friends are
very active last May in their efforts to
secure the prepayment of poll taxes by
Republicans of the district. In fact, it
is already being claimed by Republican
leaders in the district that four thousand
more Republicans than Democrats have
qualified to vote by payment of their
poll tax, and that these figures make
the result assured in advance. Chair-
man Ellyson not only does not con-
cede that there is any foundation for this
boast, but he does not credit it at all.

The Real Battleground.

The Ninth District is the real battle-
ground of the campaign. The fall and
the Democratic party will put forth its
best energies to poll the largest possi-
ble proportion of the qualified vote. The
defeat of Judge Rhea two years ago
is attributable to the apathy of the Demo-
cratic voters rather than to any ab-
normal Repetition of such apathy, and
encouraging campaigning are counted upon
to prevent a repetition of such apathy,
and to secure a reversal of the result
two years ago. At that time the Demo-
cratic vote was far below the normal,
and that of Judge Slem no greater than
that for General Walker in former cam-
paigns.

Mr. Ellyson stated, yesterday that the
campaign would begin in earnest early
in September and would be prosecuted
with vigor until the election.

Speaking of the prospect for Judge
Parker's election, Mr. Ellyson stated that
he was hopeful that ever, now that
the newspapers of greatest circula-
tion in New York have espoused the
Parker cause. The Herald, Times, World,
Journal, Evening Post and others are
advocating the cause of the Democratic
nominee.

He believes this influence of the press
will bear fruit, not only in New York,
but in New Jersey and Connecticut,
which, by reason of their proximity to
New York city, get in touch with the
trend of political thought in the metropoli-
tan. He predicted that if Parker carry
New York he will also carry New Jer-
sey and Connecticut.

Mr. Ellyson expresses the belief that
the Democrats will carry West Virginia
and Maryland, and that they may also
carry Indiana.